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**Football. High**

# Stadium a must-have, says Kelly

► Mayor notes \$1-billion federal P3 fund being considered for Quebec, Edmonton arenas ► Staff recommend a stadium steering committee consisting of councillors, province representatives and citizens

The municipality wants to move ahead with plans for a new outdoor stadium with or without the FIFA Women's World Cup. Staff are presenting a report to council tomorrow asking for \$100,000 to begin Phase 1 in the stadium project, which involves assembling a business plan, a financial feasibility report, and consultations with citizens and sporting groups.

Phase 1 is expected to be complete in June but needs Halifax regional council's approval to get going. From there, the project would move on to Phase 2, once again subject to council's approval.

The relatively quick timeline is partially due to the FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup, which Halifax is bidding to be a part of. The Canadian Soccer Association is competing against Zimbabwe, and FIFA is expected to make a decision by the end of March.

But the council report states the stadium project will continue whatever the decision.

"Should the Federation Internationale de Football Association make a decision ... to host their 2015 event in Zimbabwe, the

## Cost?

► Kelly estimates it would cost anywhere between \$1,300 and \$2,800 per seat for a 20,000- to 25,000-seat stadium.

stadium project will continue, but will enjoy a more relaxed project timeline," it reads.

"It's time that we move forward," Mayor Peter Kelly said yesterday.

"We will have a stadium at some point in time, so it's not a matter of if, but a matter of when. I can't stress that any stronger."

Council has been asked to pay for a number of projects recently — from the proposed convention centre to the four-pad arena.

The municipality also grappled with a \$35.5-million budget shortfall last year, resulting in layoffs through attrition, fee hikes and diminished services.

But Kelly maintained the timing is right.

"We have to continue to move this municipality forward, so we avail ourselves to greater opportunities down the road."

● ALEX BOUTILLIER

► Green Bay Packer Aaron Rodgers holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Packers' 31-25 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV football yesterday in Arlington, Texas. Rodgers was named most valuable player of the game. Story, page 13.

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Rodgers that: The Pack is back on top



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# Games clock is ticking ...

► Four years in the making, the Canada Winter Games are now just days away from kickoff ► Organizers say tickets are selling well, with only 300 remaining for the men's gold-medal hockey final

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► Skaters glide on the Canada Games skating oval on the Halifax Common last week, with several Games flags in the background.



**PHILIP CROUCHER**  
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The final countdown is on for the Canada Winter Games.

After winning hosting rights on Feb. 20, 2007, Halifax will finally start welcoming over 3,000 athletes and upwards of 10,000 visitors this week for the two-week sporting spectacle that gets underway Friday.

"It's kind of surreal that after spending almost 1,000 days on the project ... we're five days away from the opening ceremonies,"

## Games opening

► The Games kick off on Friday with the opening ceremonies at the Halifax Metro Centre at 7 p.m. About 1,000 tickets are still left, but Chris Morrissey expects those to sell out.

Games CEO Chris Morrissey said yesterday. "I think people are pretty excited right now because they can see the Games are going to start."

The athletes will start arriving on Thursday, with the bulk flying into Halifax

Stanfield International Airport.

In Week 1, there will be 11 sports taking place consisting of about 1,500 athletes. In Week 2, there will be 12 sports and an estimated 1,800 athletes.

Also filling the streets of Halifax over the two weeks will be 7,000 to 10,000 visitors, who are expected to come and cheer the athletes on.

"I feel very comfortable," Morrissey said about our preparedness level.

"We've reached our sponsorship target of \$8.2 million. We've reached our

volunteer target of recruiting and training over 5,000 volunteers. The awareness levels in the municipality and province are quite high and we are starting the execution phase of getting things put in place for the athletes when they arrive on Thursday."

Also this week, Morrissey said more banners and signage will go up to make it look and feel like the Games are here.

"I think people now feel the excitement because they see stuff going up," Morrissey said. "This is really coming now."

## Give control of parking ban to city: Councillor

A municipal politician wants the province to turn over authority for the winter parking ban to council.

Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane is scheduled to make a motion at regional council tomorrow to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Bill Estabrooks, "asking for the transfer of authority pertaining to the winter parking ban to Halifax Regional Council."

Sloane has long been a vocal critic of the ban.

Currently, Estabrooks has final say in emergency measures taken by the province's traffic authorities, including the winter parking bans as outlined in the Motor Vehicle Act.

He has said he wants to wait for a unified voice on the matter from council before bringing forward legislative changes.

Estabrooks has also said he plans to bring forward such changes in the spring session of the Nova Scotia legislature. ● **ALEX BOUTILIER**

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



► Dawn Sloane

## Snowmobile driver hurt in collision

A snowmobile driver was rushed to hospital with serious injuries after being struck by a car as he tried to cross Highway 103 between exits 5 and 6 on Saturday.

Police say the accident took place around 7:15 p.m. with the 53-year-old snowmobile driver wedged under the car after being struck.

He was eventually freed and taken to hospital. His injuries aren't known.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said yesterday the victim was still in hospital and investigators were trying to determine the cause of the crash.

The driver of the car wasn't injured.

● **PHILIP CROUCHER**

## Stabbing victim keeping mum

Police say a 22-year-old stabbed three times during an assault on Saturday night in Fairview isn't cooperating with investigators.

Halifax Regional Police say they responded to a 911 call about an assault on Evans Avenue at 10:40 p.m.

The victim, who police say is from Halifax, suffered serious injuries, including several stab wounds, and was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The victim told police he was assaulted while parked in his vehicle, but isn't of

## Familiarity

► Police believe the victim knew his attackers and that this wasn't a random incident.

fearing up much else.

"The investigators were

there at the hospital with them and there was no cooperation," said Staff Sgt. Barb Saunders.

"Without him being cooperative, we don't really know the background," she added as to a motive behind the attack.

● **PHILIP CROUCHER**

# Baillie seeks advice from party faithful

► Nova Scotia Conservatives are the 'true radicals' now: Baillie ► Federal Tories Peter MacKay, Tony Clement, Lisa Raitt appear at general meeting



► Tory Leader Jamie Baillie speaks with reporters in this file photo from last year.



ALEX BOUTILLIER  
@METRONEWS.CA

Three days of speechifying and talking with party faithful took its toll on Jamie Baillie's larynx.

Speaking with reporters yesterday at the conclusion of the party's annual general meeting in Halifax, the Progressive Conservative leader was hoarse from all the action.

Luckily, his voice held out for the AGM's final event, a question and answer period with about 50 card-carrying Tories.

Topics ranged from the province's tax policies, to education, to agriculture.

But the theme that carried the morning was listening to a wide range of stakeholders on policy making — with Baillie repeatedly noting the governing NDP's alleged overuse of "fancy consultants."

"I think that what people want to see is strong elected leadership ... that takes advice from many places," he said.

Baillie also emphasized the need to attract and retain post-secondary students and immigrants, noting the Tories' new policy paper, One Million Nova Scotians by 2020.

During his speech on Friday night, Baillie attempted to paint his party

**"It is a long way back. I know that. The most important thing we can do is find ways to show people they're back on top of the political pyramid. Not on the bottom like too many people feel they are."**

JAMIE BAILLIE, PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER

as the "true radicals" in Nova Scotia politics, a reference to British Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives.

"We are the true radicals now," Baillie said. "Because we say no to the NDP, not because we are just another opposition party, but because we fundamentally disagree with them."

Baillie also outlined his Modernizing Government Act, which he plans to introduce this spring. The bill pushes for fixed-date elections, shortens the time the government can take to call a byelection, and create a citizen's panel to oversee MLA pay and benefits.

But Baillie acknowledged he's working with a majority government, and getting that legislation through will be difficult.

## MLA ousted from NDP faces foreclosure on Halifax home

A member of the Nova Scotia legislature ejected from the NDP caucus because he failed to pay constituency bills is losing his home.

CBC News is reporting that Credit Union Atlantic is foreclosing on the Halifax-area home of Trevor Zinck, the member for

Dartmouth North.

CBC says Zinck took out a mortgage on the Albro Lake Road house in 2007, but court documents show he and his wife stopped making payments last July.

Zinck, who now sits as an Independent, has admitted to drinking and

gambling problems.

He has said he was late in paying his utility bills because of turnover in his office staff.

The politician could not be reached for comment at either his home or by cellphone on Friday.

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### ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

## Stick-up slap in the face for cashier

A female cashier was slapped across the face by a would-be-robber at a convenience store in Halifax on Saturday night.

Halifax Regional Police say the cashier was working alone at Quick Plus Convenience

Store when a man entered the store just after 8:30 p.m. and demanded cash while holding a handgun.

He then allegedly slapped the cashier across the face.

"Intimidation was the reason for the slap," said Staff Sgt. Bard Saunders.

The man wound up leaving empty handed. A search for the suspect was unsuccessful.

Police say the victim wasn't seriously hurt, but did have a red mark on her face from the slap. ● PHILIP CROUCHER

## Girl, 17, dies in car plunge

A teenage girl is dead and two men were in hospital after a car plunged off a wharf into the Bay of Fundy on Saturday.

RCMP said it was unclear what caused the car to go over the concrete wharf in Hantsport shortly after 10 a.m.

Const. George Cameron said the vehicle fell between six and nine metres before becoming submerged upside down.

Volunteer firefighters wearing survival suits were able to pull the 17-year-old girl and the two men from

### Possible causes

► Investigators were looking into whether speed, alcohol or road conditions played a factor in the crash.

the icy water.

"There's no indication of any entrapment (in the car)," said Cameron.

The three were taken to hospital, where the girl, from Windsor, died.

Police said the two men were in critical condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Nova Scotia got more visitors last year

Nova Scotia is reporting a 1.4 per cent increase in visitors to the province last year, with the majority coming from within Canada.

The annual tourism

numbers show 2,123,100 people visited the province in 2010, an increase of roughly 30,000 over 2009.

The government says about 88 per cent of the total continues to come from elsewhere in Canada.

Nine per cent of last year's visitors came from the United States, a decrease of two per cent from 2009.

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### News in brief

## Women's centre project funded

ANTIGONISH. The federal government announced yesterday almost \$200,000 towards a project addressing violence against women and girls in rural parts of the province.

The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services Association is getting \$199,914 for a 27-month project titled Resisting Violence: Rural Women and Girls Take Action. ● METRO

## Oxycodone seized, three men arrested

GLACE BAY. Cape Breton Regional Police arrested three young men after seizing a quantity of the prescription drug oxycodone.

The arrests were made on Saturday at 2:20 p.m. in the Glace Bay area.

Two Glace Bay men aged 21 and 18 have been charged with trafficking in oxycodone, while a 21-year-old New Waterford man is charged with possession of narcotics.

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► Trevor Zinck

# No ouster yet, but reform promised

► Concessions placate without giving in to unified opposition's demand — Mubarak's immediate resignation

Egypt's vice-president, Omar Suleiman, met a broad representation of major opposition groups for the first time yesterday.

Suleiman offered new concessions including freedom of the press, release of those detained since anti-government protests began nearly two weeks ago and the eventual lifting of the country's hated emergency laws.

Two groups in attendance said this was only a first step in a dialogue which has yet to meet their central demand — the immediate ouster of longtime President Hosni Mubarak.

"The protest continues because there are no guarantees and not all demands have been met," said Mostafa al-Naggar, a protest organizer and supporter of

Mohamed ElBaradei, a Nobel Peace laureate and one of the country's leading democracy advocates.

"We did not sign on to the statement. This is a beginning of a dialogue. We approve the positive things in the statement but ... we are still demanding that the president step down."

The outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, the country's largest opposition group, made a similar statement.

Suleiman offered to form a judiciary committee to study proposed constitutional reforms that would allow more candidates to run for president and impose term limits on the presidency, the state news agency reported. The committee was given until the first week of March to finish the tasks.

The offer also included a

**"We are still demanding that the president step down."**

MOSTAFA AL-NAGGAR, PROTESTER

pledge not to harass those participating in anti-government protests, which have drawn hundreds of thousands at the biggest rallies. The government agreed not to hamper freedom of press and not to interfere with text messaging and Internet.

The meeting drew the broadest representation of Egypt's fragmented opposition to sit with the new vice-president since the protests began on Jan. 25.

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Fishing. Size matters

A man shows off a big catch out side Bucharest, Romania, yesterday.

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## Caught a cold one

Dozens flocked to ponds on the outskirts of the Romanian capital, Bucharest, taking advantage of the warmer weather to enjoy a weekend of ice fishing.

## Twin girls missing after father's death



Alessia Schepp

Livia Schepp

Police in Italy, Switzerland and France searched for six-year-old twin girls yesterday. They disappeared after their father died in an apparent suicide.

The body of Matthias Kaspar Schepp, 43, a Canadian-born resident of Switzerland, was found by a railway station near the southern Italian port city Bari shortly before 11 p.m. on Thursday, according to Swiss police in the canton (state) of Vaud.

Authorities believe Schepp, who was separated from his wife, threw himself under a train. Police in Switzerland, Italy and France are searching for the twin girls, Alessia and Livia, who lived in Lausanne with their mother, Irina Lucidi, 44.

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# Tory MP wants Quebec language law scrapped

Conservative MP Maxime Bernier, who is fast earning himself a reputation as a slaughterer of sacred cows, is now taking a stab at a big one: Quebec's landmark language law, Bill 101. He issued a lengthy statement explaining his opposition to the law, saying he won't be silenced by insults and mockery.

The former federal cabinet minister is facing criticism by Quebec politicians and pundits since he told a Halifax radio station Quebecers don't need Bill 101, which many believe saved Quebec French.

Bernier responded by going even further yesterday. He published a long note in French and



► Conservative MP Maxime Bernier

**"I did not expect to create such a storm by expressing my belief that we should let people act like free and responsible individuals, including when it comes to protecting their language, instead of relying on government coercion to do it for them."**

MP MAXIME BERNIER

English on his blog explaining his opposition to a law that, in Quebec, has been considered sacrosanct by the political class for more than three decades.

Bernier said it's important for Quebec to remain a predominantly French-language society, but that shouldn't be achieved by restricting people's rights and freedom of choice.

"Whenever the issue of Bill 101 is raised, it is often claimed that 'there is a consensus in Quebec' about it: apart from some extremist English-rights activists and traitors to Quebec, everybody is presumed to agree with Bill 101 ... But that consensus

simply does not exist," he wrote.

Bernier went on to express his disappointment at those who questioned his right to express a personal opinion.

"In a free and democratic society, we should be able to say these things and debate them calmly without being pilloried," he wrote.

"I did not expect to create such a storm by expressing my belief that we should let people act like free and responsible individuals, including when it comes to protecting their language, instead of relying on government coercion to do it for them." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Spy fashion: Keep it under cover

Canadian spies are being warned not to wear their loyalty on their sleeve, or their wrist or lapel.

The hush-hush reminder to Canadian Security Intelligence Service employees advises keeping polo shirts, watches and pins emblazoned with the distinctive CSIS

crest away from curious eyes.

The souvenirs sold in a secret shop offer members of the service a sense of belonging, says an internal CSIS article obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

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## Overdue trial begins in Iran

Two Americans accused of spying appeared in a closed-door Iranian court session yesterday.

The trial began after an 18-month-long detention that has brought impassioned family appeals, a stunning bail deal to free their companion and backdoor diplomatic out-

reach by Washington through an Arab ally in the Gulf.

All three who are on trial — two in person and one in absentia — entered not guilty pleas during the five-hour hearing, said their lawyer, Masoud Shafiei.

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## Childhood obesity: The skinny

Parents who think they're doing their formula-fed babies a favour by getting them started extra early on solid foods might want to think again.

A new study involving 847 children has found a link between obesity in children at the age of three and the

introduction of solid foods before children reach the age of four months.

The study found the timing for introduction of solid food did not affect the chances of being obese at age three if babies were breastfed.

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# Investigator red-flagged problems before crash

A Canadian investigator who red-flagged main gearbox problems months before a Sikorsky helicopter crashed off Newfoundland says he'll closely read a federal report on what caused the deadly accident.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is scheduled to release its final report on the March 12, 2009, crash of a Sikorsky S-92 helicopter that resulted in the deaths of 17 crew and passengers. The board has already said that before the chopper carrying offshore oil workers plunged into the ocean, two titanium studs holding the main gearbox's oil filter broke in mid-flight.

Bill Yearwood, a veteran investigator with the TSB in British Columbia, says he'll be among the observers reading the final report on the disaster to see what the findings are on the gearbox.

He oversaw a brief TSB report completed on Aug. 29, 2008, almost six months before the Newfoundland crash, that concluded there were problems with the oil-lubrication system on the gear-

**"All we know is they got the information that they should look further, but whether they did I don't know."**

**BILL YEARWOOD, TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD INVESTIGATOR**

box and the titanium studs.

He forwarded his results to the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. agency that originally certified the aircraft, saying he hoped to hear what a deeper probe would find.

"I still question what Sikorsky and the FAA knew (about) how close that transmission was to failure.

... That was what I was hoping to hear when I sent the email saying, 'We look forward to hearing what you find because we have these aircraft operating in Canada,'" he said in a recent telephone interview from his office in Vancouver.

"And I still haven't heard."

Yearwood hasn't been involved in the investigation of the Cougar Flight 491 crash.

However, he hired an en-

gineering team six months before the crash to look at why several mounting bolts holding an oil-filter assembly broke and oil leaked out in 2008 during a flight carrying Australian offshore oil workers. His office was asked to look into the Australian incident by CHC Helicopter of Richmond, B.C., which operated the S-92, as the firm attempted to understand why the studs had failed.

They found the fracture of the studs was caused by problems with the oil-filter system rather than a mechanic's installation error, said Yearwood.

In a memo released by the TSB, Yearwood wrote: "There appears to be several unresolved issues with the oil system ... on this particular aircraft. It seems likely that these issues are related to the stud failures."

Yearwood said he's wondered what followup occurred.

A spokesman for the FAA said the memo was received, and the agency wrote back to the investigator to thank him for his work. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► An Afghan policeman stands guard next to a U.S. armoured military vehicle near the scene of a car-bomb explosion in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Friday.

# Canada's hired guns slammed in U.S. report

► An estimated 40,000 armed security contractors are currently operating in Afghanistan

Canada spent more than \$41 million on hired guns in Afghanistan over four years, much of it going to security companies slammed by the U.S. Senate for having warlords on the payroll.

Both the Defence and Foreign Affairs departments have employed 11 security contractors in Kabul and Kandahar since 2006, but have kept quiet about the details.

Now documents tabled in Parliament at the request of the New Democrats provide the first comprehensive picture of the use of private contractors, which

**\$2.5M**

**A Kandahar warlord, with links to former governor Gul Agha Sherzai, has earned \$2.5 million since 2008 providing security outside of the provincial reconstruction base.**

have been accused of adding to the chaos in Afghanistan.

The records show Foreign Affairs paid nearly \$8 million to ArmorGroup Securities Ltd., recently cited in a U.S. Senate investiga-

tion as relying on Afghan warlords who in 2007 were engaged in "murder, kidnapping, bribery and anti-Coalition activities."

Tundra SCA stands on guard for the Defence Department outside Canadian military forward-operating bases and has collected more than \$5.3 million.

The U.S. Senate report included Tundra on a list of companies that poach staff from Afghan security forces — something that has long angered President Hamid Karzai, who last year moved to eject all private security from the country.

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## Canadian dies during resort fight

A Canadian tourist died after a fight outside a nightclub at a beach resort in the Dominican Republic, and police said yesterday that four other Canadians and an Algerian are accused of taking part in the brawl.

Jordan Morrison, 19, died while he was being taken to a hospital for severe trauma caused by the beating, police said yesterday in a statement. The other five people involved, aged 19 to 21, were treated for minor injuries after the fracas at the Grand Paradise Bavaro hotel in Punta Cana.

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## Violence continues in Tunisia

Crowds pillaged and burned a police station yesterday in a Tunisian town where a day earlier officers had shot and killed at least two demonstrators.

The violence in the northwestern city of Kef was the worst in Tunisia since its autocratic president, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, was forced into exile Jan. 14, after a month of nationwide anti-government protests. A caretaker government is now running the North African country, but tensions remain high.

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## Tougher rules on pardons

Proposed changes to restrict criminal pardons would exclude almost one of every four currently eligible applicants, newly released statistics indicate.

When combined with a planned quadrupling of the application fee, plus new rigour in background checks, so-called "criminal record suspensions" are likely to become far more difficult to obtain.

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# Unrest in Egypt to set tone on TSX floor

► Traders fear political unrest could spread to other oil-rich countries in the region

The tone on the Toronto stock market this week will likely be set by the commodity sectors amid volatile oil prices because of unrest in Egypt and surging copper prices.

In a week of little new economic data, investors will also be looking to a

string of earnings reports from Canadian and U.S. corporations.

Oil prices moved up as much as seven per cent last week, closing as high as \$92 US as traders worried the Suez Canal could be shut.

But there are doubts those levels can be sus-

tained.

John Kurgan at Lind Waldock noted that oil prices bumped against the \$92 US level at the start of the year and then with the Egyptian crisis. At the same he said volatility in oil prices will likely continue.

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## Job growth numbers inconsistent

Friday's news that 69,200 jobs were created in January seemed to come out of thin air. The previous month saw a more realistic 22,000 pickup, the month before it was 15,000. Before then, 3,000.

What is generally missing in the coverage of Statistics Canada's most important economic indicator is how wonky each month's number can be. Just last week, the agency had to revise down by 67,000 the number of jobs it had previously reported were created in the months following the recession. It also revised up, from 417,000 to 428,000, how many jobs were lost during the downturn.

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► From left, Twitter vice-president international Katie Stanton and Google employees Ujjwal Singh and Steve Crossan pose at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., on Thursday.

## GOOGLE HELPS PEOPLE CONNECT AMID UPRISING

Even before his first day on the job last week at Google, Ujjwal Singh, 38, helped start an online service that enabled Egyptians to bypass government efforts to muzzle the protests there.

Google bought Ujjwal's startup Jan. 25, and a Google product team leader trying to figure out a way around Egypt's recent Internet blackout asked Singh for help before he reported to work.

A weekend of brainstorming and

programming later, Speak2Tweet was born — a service that lets people call a phone number and leave a message, then posts a link to the message to Twitter.

By the time Singh started his job last Monday, his service was part of the uprising.

"He designed, built and launched his first product before he started at Google, which is now our all-time record," says Steve Crossan, a Google product manager.

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It was the sweet summer of 1969, two years after the glories of Centennial and Expo 67 ignited a sense of what our country might become in its second century, but a full year before the October Crisis snuffed out that particular dream flame.

It was a time — the last? — when Canadians still believed in the possibilities. I had landed my first journalism job. Still a few courses short of a degree, I signed on as a full-time reporter at CFDR, Arnie Patterson's fledgling Dartmouth radio station. Its 5,000-watt signal was so weak it couldn't be heard in parts of Halifax, but

that didn't matter. Arnie had a plan to put us on the map.

We would become The Voice of the Canada Games.

It was the first-ever Canada Summer Games, and no one quite knew what to expect.

But Arnie, an inveterate civic booster, decided to go all out for the event in Halifax and Dartmouth. To supplement the station's lone official vehicle, he slapped CFDR's logo on the manager's convertible and my beat-up old VW, hired a bunch of eager young reporters and instructed us to cover all Canada

Games all the time.

We did.

Paddling on Lake Banook, diving at the new Centennial Pool, shot-putting at the Wanderer's Grounds, relay racing at Dalhousie.

**"But I like to think the still relatively modest Canada Games ... represents the perfect kind of ambitiousness for Nova Scotia."**

We were there for every event. And, of course, for the post-event partying, celebrating or commiserating at the official hospitality events, followed by deep-into-the-night-until-dawn at after-hours clubs like the Arrows or at impromptu parties in Point Pleasant Park.

There were even a few fleeting romances with athletes

we would hear about later at the Olympics.

It was a time.

And now, 42 years later, the Canada Games — winter edition — is back in Halifax starting this Friday.

Much has changed since those first Games, not all of it for the better.

But I like to think the still relatively modest Canada Games — unlike their too-expensive, too-hyped Commonwealth cousins, or, God forbid, the Olympic dreams some harbour — represents the perfect kind of ambitiousness for Nova Scotia.

We can be part of these games — as volunteers, as spectators, as citizens — in ways those other events have become too grand to accommodate.

So let the games and the fun begin.

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# Celebrating celebrities

## Letters & Tweets

Re: Celebrate Pay A Compliment Day (Feb. 6) by saying something nice about a celebrity you don't like.

@buzzbishop: I'd like to thank Speidi for showing true love knows no bounds when it comes to manufacturing news headlines.

@kimbowie: I think that Lindsay Lohan is probably a really gifted, if misunderstood, linguist. @piccolacinzia: Nice thing about celebrities is they are keeping a lot employed in medical field due to their concerns about how they look!

@ken\_donnelly: Paris Hilton has never picked her nose at our dinner table.

@dizzypuma: Hmmm, this

## Nice glasses



one's tough. Paris, even though you've been through so many crazy scandals ... I still like your hair ... #benice. @heatbagger: Paris Hilton, I really love how smart you are. You are brilliant. @nsexport: Let's see, say something nice!! Oh, Mr. Bieber, I don't think it's ridiculous you have a movie about yourself

already at 16.

@deasmom: I'm glad Justin Bieber isn't touring to #yyc very nice.

@ajproc: Ricky Gervais is not the most annoying and unfunny comedian in the world!!

@johnnynovak: Charlie Sheen I loved your performance in Ferris Bueller's Day Off! Love, Johnny.

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## Metro Minute at Play exhibition

It's more than just a game at a new travelling exhibition currently being housed at the Discovery Centre on Barrington Street in Halifax.

Titled Play, the exhibition challenges users young and old to test their group skills by taking part in eight clubhouse-style games, such as foosball, billiards, dominoes, backgammon and bowl-

ing. The exhibition, according to the Discovery Centre website, "allows visitors to experience social dynamics such as empathy, co-operation and effective communications" in partaking in each of the games.

The exhibition continues until May 8. Visit [discoverycentre.ns.ca](http://discoverycentre.ns.ca) for further details and hours of operation. ● METRO



► The Play exhibition is running at the Discovery Centre.

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## Awards



The sci-fi smash *Inception* and the Facebook drama *The Social Network* took top screenplay honours Saturday night at the Writers Guild Awards. *Inception* writer Christopher Nolan, pictured, won for best original screenplay and *The Social Network* writer Aaron Sorkin won for best adapted screenplay. The awards were handed out by the Writers Guild of America in simultaneous ceremonies at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles and the AXA Equitable Center in New York.

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▶ Actor Jason Biggs, left, jokes with actresses Sarah Chalke, centre, and Judy Greer, about their new show *Mad Love* during a recent press tour.

# Season of the rom-com

▶ Sorting out the glut of new romantic comedies that will hit the air in the coming weeks

The TV listings are jammed with new romantic comedies (or "rom-coms") set to air in the coming weeks.

The tricky part will be telling them apart. Here's a handy guide.

## Perfect Couples (Thursdays on NBC and Citytv)

**Premise:** Three couples, all very different, strive for the perfect relationship. None come close.

**Stars:** Kyle Bornheimer (*Worst Week*), Christine Woods (*FlashForward*), Olivia Munn (*Attack of the*

*Show!*) and Mary Elizabeth Ellis (*It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*).

**From:** One of the executive producers behind *Friends*, Scott Silveri, who has more or less crammed new actors into old *Friends* characters and situations and done away with the studio audience.

**Distinguishing feature:** A fourth couple features a "Bro-mance."

**Mad Love  
(Premieres tonight on CBS and CTV)**

**Premise:** A comedy

about two New Yorkers who fall madly in love and their mutual best friends who despise each other (for now).

**Stars:** Jason Biggs (the *American Pie* movies), Sarah Chalke (*Scrubs*), Tyler Labine (*Reaper*) and Judy Greer (already a rom-com regular).

**Distinguishing feature:** Has the most Canadians in the cast (Chalke and Labine).

**From:** Brother and sister Matt and Jamie Tarses; Matt was a producer on *Scrubs*, Jamie is a former

network executive who helped champion *Friends* (and is also among the producers of *Happy Endings*, below).

## Happy Endings (Coming in April on ABC)

**Premise:** According to the trailer, "a classic story of boy meets girl, boy loses girl to guy on roller blades, boy becomes biggest YouTube sensation since kitten stuck in tuba." A woman ditches a groom at the altar but both remain tight among their posse of six friends.

**Stars:** Canadian Elisha Cuthbert (24) and Zachary Knighton (*FlashForward*), Casey Wilson (*Saturday Night Live*) and Damon Wayans Jr. (son of Damon Wayans, who will guest star).

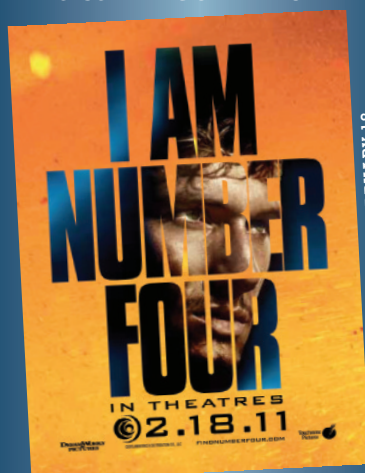
**From:** Tarses and newcomer David Caspe.

**Distinguishing feature:** The only one of these rom-coms with a person of colour in the cast.

**Greatest advantage:** Unlike the other two, guaranteed to still be around in April.

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# Zac over Vanessa?

► **High School Musical star reportedly spotted dirty dancing with Aussie actress**

Zac Efron seems to have moved on from Vanessa Hudgens, as the young star was spotted getting frisky with Australian actress Teresa Palmer after a screening of her new film, *Take Me Home Tonight*, according to E! News.

Efron and Palmer headed to an L.A. nightclub where they took to a VIP table for drinking, dancing and more.

"He was grabbing her butt and doing very suggestive dancing. Then they made out a couple of times standing up where they were dancing. I was surprised they were doing that in front of everyone. It was like they didn't care," a source says. "They were there for like an hour and left together."

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► Zac Efron was seen getting cosy with actress Teresa Palmer at an L.A. nightclub, E! News reports.

## Talking points

### Sheen gets serious

**REHAB.** While Charlie Sheen has been receiving treatment at home for his substance abuse issues, he's also been receiving a ton of text messages from porn stars, according to TMZ.

### Celebrity tweets



**Elijah Wood**  
[@woodelijah] Good-

bye, White Stripes. Indeed, your work will last forever. I shall miss you, Meg and Jack



**Jim Carrey**  
[@JimCarrey] The im-

age of myself on my homepage is slowly growing a dark beard.



**Sarah Silverman**  
[@SarahKSilverman] I

bet most porn stars are pretty easy going. ● METRO

But Sheen's replies have made it clear he's through partying for the time being. One response by Sheen reportedly reads, "Please lose the number, we are closed ... please drive through ... thank you," while another from the *Two and a Half Men* star informs his former party pal that "Right now we are on lockdown."

Sheen is reportedly taking his treatment seriously and hoping to get back to work by the end of the month.

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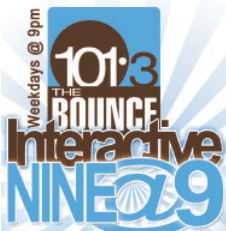
### Tattoo No. 5 for Miley

**INKED.** Though she's just 18 years old, Miley Cyrus reportedly just got her fifth tattoo, according to *People* magazine.

The tattoo, on her side under her right arm, is of a dream catcher. "It's a picture of the dream

catcher that hangs over her bed with four feathers to represent her four brothers and sisters," a source says. "The dream catcher is to protect them."

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## No revolution



The filming permit for chef Jamie Oliver's ABC series Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution was terminated this week, by the Los Angeles School District. A spokeswoman for the network said production would continue.

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Mark Zuckerberg's father: Support children's strengths with work, play balance.

# Debunking stuttering myths

► The King's Speech is winning praise from stutterers ► The speech impediment affects 70 million

A movie about a stuttering monarch, without sex, car chases or super heroes, hardly sounds like blockbuster box-office fare.

But in a less flashy way, The King's Speech is about a hero, one who battles an invisible enemy that torments nearly 70-million people around the world. In demystifying the little-understood speech impediment, the film reveals myths and fascinating truths about stuttering, and has won praise from stutterers of all ages.

For Erik Yehl, an 11-year-old Chicago boy who began stuttering in preschool, the movie's message is, "I'm not stupid."

It's a stigma all people who stutter contend with — the notion that because their words sometimes sputter or fail to come out at all, their minds must be somehow mixed up.

"People who stutter — their minds are perfectly good, and they're not deaf, and they don't need to be told to breathe.

"They know how to

**"...There are some things that most people think will help, but they don't. I'm hoping this movie will fix that."**

ADIAN HARDY, WHO STUTTERS

## Stutter Sources

For more on overcoming stuttering, visit:

- NIH: [nidcd.nih.gov/health/voice/stutter.asp](http://nidcd.nih.gov/health/voice/stutter.asp)
- Stuttering Foundation of America: [stutteringhelp.org](http://stutteringhelp.org)

breathe. What they need ... is to be listened to," said Susan Hardy, who saw the film with her son Aidan, a Chicago eighth-grader who also stutters.

Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation of America, said the movie mirrors her experience growing up with a father who stuttered.

Malcolm Fraser formed the advocacy group in 1947 to raise awareness and provide resources for people who stutter.

"The impact for me was just bringing home 64 years of trying to get across to people how devastating this disorder is," Fraser's daughter said of seeing the movie.

Stuttering affects almost one per cent of the global population. It typically begins in early childhood as kids are learning to speak and is more common in boys.

About five per cent of children stutter, but most



► In The King's Speech, Colin Firth portrays King George VI, who took speech therapy to overcome his stuttering so he could address his nation during the Second World War.

outgrow it. The condition tends to run in families and genes are thought to be involved in some cases.

The scant brain imaging research done on the impediment has suggested that different kinds of brain activity occur when people stutter than when they speak fluently.

Scientists aren't sure why, and also don't know why different activities induce fluency among some but not all stutterers, said

Ehud Yairi, a prominent University of Illinois stuttering expert.

Speech therapist Stephanie Hirsh says she learned to control her own stuttering partly by using a breathing technique to maintain a continuous flow of air while talking.

Hirsh also offers advice: Let stutterers know they have all the time they need to express themselves, and that you want to hear what they have to say.

## Film up for 12 Oscars on Feb. 27

The King's Speech depicts King George VI, father of the Queen, as a reluctant leader tortured by his stuttering. But with a sense of duty as England confronts a Second World War, he musters the courage to seek speech therapy to calm an anxious nation.

The movie and its actors have already won Golden Globes and other honours.

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# Give tea time a new meaning

► Brew a cup of hot tea and pair it with your meal ► Cooking with the drink can also help to enhance food

## DINNER EXPRESS

An afternoon cup of tea is often the perfect pick-me-up on a dreary day, but you don't have to brew a pot to enjoy it. Creative cooks are putting tea into everything from salad dressings to desserts, and also using the beverage to enhance the flavours in their meal.

### Tea Tips

Here are some ideas for pairing tea and food from chef Therese DeGrace, owner of Kitchen Culture.

#### Green teas

"They're great with spicy dishes because they've got a nice flavour that is going to mellow out the heat."

#### Rooibos

"A roasted pork would be perfect for rooibos chai because pork has a distinct flavour and the tea is going to cut it."

#### Peppermint

"It's strong enough to stand up to something really tart, so it is a wonderful pairing for a dessert such as key lime pie."

"We forget that we as a culture don't serve tea with meals that often, but tea pairings are done all over the world," says Toronto chef Therese DeGrace.

"Cooking with tea is a very easy thing to do because you just want to enhance its natural flavours," says DeGrace, who has developed a series of recipes using Four O'Clock tea produced by the Quebec company Trans-Herbe.

Because tea comes from various locations around the world it's a great source of exotic flavours.

"You want to have tea blends that will stand up to whatever foods you're cooking with and that they marry well and that they're a good pairing," DeGrace says.

For instance, the chef and owner of the hospitality consultancy Kitchen Culture suggests pairing a rich beef bourguignon with black tea.

"The tea would set the stew up in a gorgeous way, the same way a Merlot would. You want something that's going to stand up to the food and bring out the natural flavours."

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## Black Tea-Infused Poached Pear



Packed with natural flavour, this dessert is low in fat, yet sweet enough to cap a meal.

The pears are also poached, then diced and tossed in a salad, says DeGrace. They can be made ahead of time, which is great if you're having a crowd over for dinner. The flavours will also infuse a bit more.

### Preparation:

**1** Infuse tea in boiling water for 6 minutes, then place in a large pot. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer and add pears.

**2** Cover surface of liquid with a piece of parchment paper to prevent pears from being unevenly poached. Cook for 20 minutes.

**3** Carefully remove pears from liquid and set aside to cool. Return poaching liquid to the

stove and increase heat. Continue cooking over medium heat until liquid is reduced to the consistency of maple syrup and lightly coat the back of a spoon, about 40 minutes.

**4** Serve pears liberally drizzled with poaching syrup, fresh mint and mascarpone cheese.  
CHEF THERESE DEGRACE

### Ingredients:

- 4 sachets tiramisu black tea
- 2 l (8 cups) boiling water
- 250 ml (1 cup) sweet white wine
- 500 ml (2 cups) raw sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4 pears, peeled and cored
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) nutmeg
- 1 star anise
- Garnish: Fresh mint, kumquats and berries, mascarpone cheese

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▶ James Milligan believes that soccer can help to charge a child’s spirit.

## Talking to the teacher

- ▶ Parent-teacher interviews can be stressful and far from enlightening
- ▶ But they don’t have to be either

Parent-teacher night can sometimes be the most dreaded night of the year, when you scramble to spend two minutes each with a half-dozen teachers who may not even know your kid’s name.

You stumble down hallways, head up the down staircase, looking for the science lab or drama studio. Or you crowd in the cafeteria or gym with hundreds of other confused moms and dads, mispronouncing unfamiliar teachers’ names

as you wait your turn. Some teachers time the sessions, ending them with a digital beep; in other schools, student monitors keep the clock, interrupting your meeting when time is up.

If your kid’s a straight A student, it probably won’t be too painful — except for all the waiting. But if “needs improvement” was checked more than once on

your child’s report card, you could be in for a long, depressing night.

In fact, it can feel a little like speed-dating — except there’s zero chance of love at first sight.

And it’s so very different from elementary school, where one teacher, who spent as many waking hours with your child as you did, could hold forth for 15 minutes on your child’s personality, talents and needs. Once kids get to Grade 6, a subject teacher may have 200 students in five different classes, and

there’s no time on parent-teacher night for more than a summary of how yours is faring.

“I find parent-teacher nights very stressful,” said Virginia Anagnos, whose son is a sophomore at a New York City public high school.

But she’s come up with a good strategy for dealing with the “horse race.” Report card in hand, she first identifies the subjects where her son scored the lowest grades, and signs up to see those teachers first.

“If the wait list is long, I

identify other classes on the same floor to determine if I can see other teachers in the interim,” she said. And she has her questions ready: Where can her son improve? What should he focus on at home? Are there websites or programs he should look into? How can she, as a parent, guide him? Most important, “May I follow up with you via email in four weeks to check on his progress?”

Anagnos’ approach is in keeping with what experts recommend. Roxanne Farwick Owens, chair of the

teacher education department at DePaul University, says parents may need to schedule longer follow-up meetings if kids are having problems. But in many cases, you can make effective use of these brief meetings by getting basic “information about what’s going on with the child and how the teacher, parent, and child can work together to improve the child’s performance.”

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▶ Parents should have what questions they’d like to ask teachers ready to avoid wasting their time slot.

# Rodgers returns Packers to glory

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► Tramon Williams of the Green Bay Packers, right, breaks up a pass to Mike Wallace of the Pittsburgh Steelers late in the fourth quarter during Super Bowl XLV.

## ► QB wins Super Bowl MVP as Green Bay hold off Steelers' late surge

Aaron Rodgers has turned the Green Bay Packers into Super Bowl champions once again.

Rodgers threw three touchdown passes and Nick Collins returned an interception for another, leading the Packers to a 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers last night.

This was Green Bay's fourth Super Bowl title. The Packers won the first two Super Bowls with Vince Lombardi coaching Bart Starr, and captured another with Brett Favre in January 1997.

The Steelers trailed 21-3 before halftime. Ben Roethlisberger got them to within 28-25 midway through the fourth quarter with a touchdown pass and a nifty two-point conversion. The Packers answered with a field goal, giving Roethlisberger one last chance.

Needing to go 87 yards in 1:59 with one timeout left, Roethlisberger couldn't make it across midfield.

This was only the second time Pittsburgh has lost a Super Bowl. The Steelers still have the most wins with six.

The crowd at Cowboys Stadium was 91,060 paying attendees, or 103,219 counting "credentialed attendees." It fell short of the record.

Green Bay led 21-17 after three quarters, but the Packers were without cornerbacks Charles Wood-



son and Sam Shields and receiver Donald Driver.

The Steelers had the momentum, the experience and the crowd — tens of thousands of fans making things tough for Rodgers to bark out signals at times.

But on the first play of the fourth, with Pittsburgh possibly driving for a go-ahead touchdown, Rashard Mendenhall fumbled on a hit by Clay Matthews Jr. The Packers took over at their own 45-yard line.

Jennings caught his second TD pass of the game to give the Packers a 28-17 lead with 11:57 to play — their third touchdown following a takeaway.

The Packers' final points came on a 23-yard field goal by Mason Crosby with 2:07 left.

Green Bay jumped ahead 14-0 with touchdowns on consecutive plays: A 29-yard touchdown catch by Jordy Nelson, then Collins' interception.

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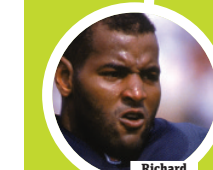
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► Shawn Adams, right, won his fourth career Molson Tankard yesterday with a win over Steve Ogden, left.

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## Ogden's efforts a tribute to MacPhee

Steve Ogden's run at the Molson Tankard is one local curling fans won't soon forget.

With Billy MacPhee filling in at third for his late father, Peter MacPhee, the Ogden rink began the week seeded 14th and went 6-1 before falling in the final to Shawn Adams.

Peter, a six-time provincial champ, died of a heart attack late last month.

"It was a tribute to Peter," Ogden said. "People were really cheering for Billy and he did a tremendous job. For a guy who hadn't played all year, he made a lot of shots, and it was a great week."

● MATTHEW WUEST

# Adams climbs back to the top

► Achieves provincial curling supremacy for first time since 2005 ► Knocks off defending champ in semifinal



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It's been a long six years, but Mayflower's Shawn Adams is back on top of Nova Scotia men's curling.

The 36-year-old ended a lengthy drought yesterday, at least by his lofty standards, by claiming his fourth career Molson Tankard and first since 2005 with a nail-biting 7-5 win over Steve Ogden at the Dartmouth Curling Club.

With the win, Adams is headed to the Tim Hortons Brier starting March 5 in London, Ont.

"People say you get to one Brier and you'll be satisfied, but once you get to one, you want to get to as many as you can," said Adams, who lost to Alberta's Randy Ferbey in the 2005 Brier final.

"It's been a long six years for us, and we've been wanting to get back."

Adams, whose team features third Paul Flemming, second Andrew Gibson, and lead Kelly Mittelstadt grabbed a 6-4 lead in the eighth end.

Ogden cut that lead to one in the ninth, but the Adams rink's clutch shot-making in the 10th pre-

vented him from stealing one to force an extra end.

"They're a good team, they deserve full marks," Ogden said. "I know they'll do well and I'm happy for them."

Adams, who lost to Ogden in the Tankard opener, defeated top-seeded Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc, the defending champion, in the semifinal earlier yesterday.

"It was a grind all year, but we saved our best for last," Adams said.

"I told the guys before the game, 'It's going to be a 10-end game, right down to the wire.' I couldn't be happier."

## PREMIER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## Rainmen win in double OT

The Halifax Rainmen made sure their fans got a show before they bid farewell to the Metro Centre for a month.

The Rainmen, who play their next five games on the road and

aren't back at home until March 5, needed double overtime to upend the Quebec Kebs 102-94 before a crowd of 3,102 on Friday.

The win leaves the Rainmen at 7-2, just a half game behind the Premier Basketball League-leading Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry, 8-1.

The Rainmen visit the Saint John Mill Rats on Friday at 7 p.m.

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## Bety scores a pair in defeat

Charles Bety's impressive goal-scoring streak continued on Saturday, but his Halifax Mooseheads were unable to pull off another upset win.

The Mooseheads, who knocked off the fourth-place Drummondville Voltigeurs 5-2 last Wednesday, benefited from Bety's two-goal outing but lost 4-3 to the nationally top-ranked Saint John Sea Dogs at the Metro Cen-

tre.

Bety has eight goals in his past eight games for a career-high 21 on the season.

"It's good for myself, but I'm a 20-year-old and that's what I have to do, get goals for the team, and it's been working lately for me," Bety said.

The Mooseheads, 17-31-3, visit the Montreal Juniors on Wednesday.

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## Huskies go 2-for-2 on weekend

AUS HOCKEY. The Saint Mary's Huskies knocked off the UNB Varsity Reds on Saturday as part of a two-win weekend. They're now 16-9-1, second in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey.

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## Tigers snag second spot in AUS

AUS BASKETBALL. The Dalhousie Tigers posted wins over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men and UNB Varsity Reds on the weekend and now have a 10-5 record, second in Atlantic University Sport men's basketball.

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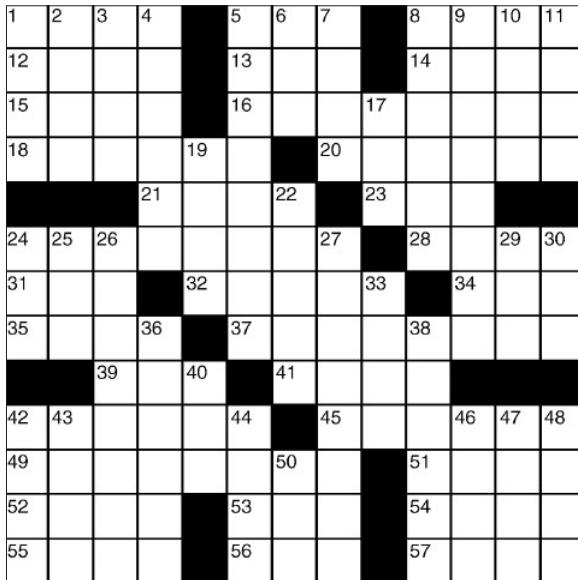


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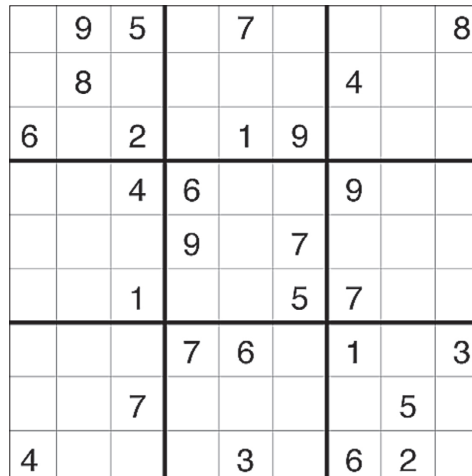
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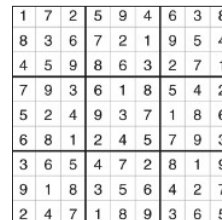
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### ► Yesterday's answer



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**MEHRANET**

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## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 If you try to make the facts fit the conclusions you have already reached you will find yourself in trouble very quickly. Not everyone is as gullible as you sometimes like to think

**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 You seem to be extremely popular at the moment, and long may it continue, but could it be that some people are flattering you in the hope that they might get something out of it?

**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 You have never been one to follow the herd and you are not about to start now. The more others urge you to believe what everyone else believes the more you will resist the pressure to conform.

**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 Your thinking seems to be a bit confused at the moment, so don't put too much trust in what your mind tells you.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 You may be supremely confident of your abilities but even a Leo needs a helping hand once in a while — and you'll need it today. Don't just sit there looking pathetic hoping that someone will notice your plight.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You may be good at keeping secrets but you are also tempted to use what you know about a certain person to further your own interests.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There are occasions when telling the

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truth can cause more problems than it solves. Before you open your mouth today ask yourself if a friend really wants to know what is going on behind their back.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 What seems like a nailed on fact early in the day may turn out to be a fantasy later on, so be careful what you allow yourself to believe. Just

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may be tempted to dabble in something that promises big rewards for a relatively small risk, but is that really such a great idea?

**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What you hear today is only

half what you need to know before you are in a position to make a decision, so don't let others pressure you into choosing too soon.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A friend's ailment will remind you that health is precious and must be looked after. Start the week slowly and don't do anything risky.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 Before agreeing to a deal or signing a contract make sure you will be able to deliver on time. If you are not 100 per cent certain you can do that it might be best to give it a miss.

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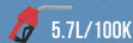
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